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In re application: Hartel et al.

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For: Open Framework for the  
Definition of Metadata§  
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Group Art Unit: 2124

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

A fee of \$36.00 is required for 2 additional claims in excess of 20. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.